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SUBJECT:CONJUGAL VISIT

REF: A. STATE 037473, B. MOSCOW 2172, C. MOSCOW 2226

1. SOVIET EMBASSY VICE CONSUL GRISHAYEV CALLED EUR/SOV ON FEBRUARY 13 TO INFORM THAT MRS. BRAWER'S VISA, CANCELLED ON FEBRUARY 10, RPT FEBRUARY 10, HAD BEEN REINSTATED BY MFA WITH AMENDMENT OF DATES. ACCORDING TO GRISHAYEV, MFA NOW WILL PERMIT A VISIT OF ONLY FOUR DAYS INCLUSIVE, RPT INCLUSIVE, FEBRUARY 17-20. THIS WOULD REQUIRE MRS. BRAWER TO ENTER THE COUNTRY NO EARLIER THAN FEB 17 AND BE OUT BY MIDNIGHT FEB 20. THE CANCELLED VISA WOULD HAVE PERMITTED ENTRY ON THE 15TH AND REQUIRED EXIT ON THE 24TH. GRISHAYEV AGAIN HAD NO EXPLANATIONS.

2. EUR/SOV HAS DISCUSSED THE TRIP THOROUGHLY WITH MRS. BRAWER AND HER ATTORNEY. MRS. BRAWER HAS BEEN UNABLE TO RESCHEDULE TRAVEL AFTER HAVING CANCELLED ORIGINAL RESERVATIONS. SHE HAD WANTED TO PROCEED WITH EVEN THE ABBREVIATED
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TRIP BUT AIRLINES WERE UNABLE TO PUT TRIP BACK TOGETHER, AND SOVIET EMBASSY HERE INSISTED ON ISSUING NEW VISA WITH NEW APPLICATION, PHOTOS, ETC.

3. MRS. BRAWER REQUESTS RESCHEDULING OF VISIT TO 6TH-10TH OF MARCH WITH 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH IN RYAZAN WITH HUSBAND

4. REQUEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO HAVE MFA RESCHEDULE TRIP
AS ABOVE, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION FACT THAT FAILURE OF
TRIP AS PLANNED IS DUE TO MFA/SOVEMBASSY CHANGES OF
SIGNALS. VANCE

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